

## Core Revisions

By Michelle L. Smith

Have you ever had to take a class outside of your major that seemed completely inapplicable to your actual field of study? I have heard enough complaints in my classes to suspect that many will answer yes. Daemen hopes that the frequency of such complaints will be reduced with the help of a new core, one that emphasizes skills, competencies, and integrated learning and shows students how different disciplines complement one another.

Under the new core structure, students must fulfill 45 credit hours, which are divided into 3 service learning credits, 18 free elective credits and 24 credits in learning community format. These learning communities will be groups of students who take similar core courses, at least some of which are related to a central theme. The courses in learning com-

munity format must also focus on one of seven core competencies - critical thinking and problem solving, literacy in information and multimedia technology, communication skills, affective judgement, moral and ethical discernment, contextual competency, and civic responsibility.

Although the information about the core seems complex, Dr. Edwin Clausen, Vice President of Academic Affairs, stated that the new core design will be just as easy, if not easier, for students to follow as the old one. Also, he said that the core and its goals will be explained very clearly to incoming students through counselors and at orientation.

The new core structure was created by a Core Design Committee composed of Daemen faculty members selected by the Faculty Senate or by Clausen. They worked on the structure over the past two years after the Educational Policies Committee (EPC) suggested that a change

in the curriculum might be warranted. According to Brogan, the Core Design Committee reviewed literature about interdisciplinary studies and similar programs at other schools, correlating both to create a proposal that the committee believed would work at Daemen.

Clausen said, "While our core is distinct in the core competencies we have chosen to emphasize, the way it is delivered is not new." He said that the best colleges and universities in the country utilize interdisciplinary programs.

Professor Michael Brogan of the Physical Therapy department served on the Design Committee and is very enthusiastic about the new core. "I really believe this is an educational renaissance at Daemen," said Brogan. "I think students will have a great

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## Mixing Up Daemen College

By Brittany Cozad

On February 26, 2002, the Equal Opportunity & Affirmative Action (EO/AA) Committee held their monthly meeting to address issues of equality at Daemen. Several specific concerns were raised and as a result of the meeting, recommendations were made to various organizations on campus.

One particular concern that was discussed was diversity, or the perceived lack of it, in Canavan. Recently, some students had commented that they believed the residence hall was racially segregated. A suggestion was made to the Office of Residence Life that while roommate preferences should be honored, the office should make an effort to ensure diversity at the suite- and floor-

level in Daemen's residence halls.

Senior Stephanie Williams, who is the

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-Kathleen Boone**

student representative of the EO/AA and who initiated the proposed housing

changes, believes that "the housing changes would be very beneficial to getting the campus community integrated."

And how do the residents feel about this idea? Freshman Sheree Morrison-Henry said she would have no problem having a roommate of a different race but wonders how the proposed changes would affect roommate selection. "I agree that diversity should be brought up," Morrison-Henry said, "but if someone wants to room with a certain person and he or she can't because Daemen wants diversity, then they shouldn't have a lottery or the right to say who he or she wants to room with."

Jessica Jurewicz, also a freshman resi-

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## Cloning Expert Comes to Daemen

By Jennifer Swan

On April 16th, the Daemen community welcomed Dr. Keith Campbell to the college. Campbell is a cell biologist who has 28 years of scientific experience. He has worked in the field of cell growth for 19 years and has been studying embryos for 14 years.

Campbell attended Queen Elizabeth College in London where he received BSC honors in microbiology. While attending Queen Elizabeth College, Campbell became interested in the cell cycle and cellular growth. He then worked for the Marie Claire Research center for several years.

After receiving the Marie Claire Research Scholarship, Campbell continued his studies of cell growth at the University of Sussex. He also began

studying cytoplasmic mechanisms. These mechanisms control the segregation of genetic material in early embryos and amphibian eggs, and during cell growth and the division of yeast.

In the late 1980s Campbell moved to Scotland to continue his research in the field of cell growth. He joined the Roslin Institute in 1991 and applied his knowledge and skills to producing mammal embryos for nuclear transfer. This discovery led to the birth of two mountain lambs named Megan and Moran.

A year later Dolly was born. Dolly is the first mammal to have been cloned from adult derived somatic cells. Campbell said the lamb Dolly was named after Dolly Parton "because Dolly the lamb was cloned from cells of an animal's breast and Dolly Parton has big breasts."

Other animals that have been cloned in the past include mice, goats, piglets, and

calves.

If you're wondering why biologists have been interested in cloning animals, the answer is quite simple. According to Campbell, "Biologists have cloned animals in the past because they want to modify farm animals. The more farm animals there are, the more reproduction can occur."

In 1997 Campbell became head of embryology at PPL. In July of 1999, the first genetic lambs were produced followed by the first cloned piglets. That year, Campbell also became a professor at Nottingham United Kingdom.

The next step for Campbell is to find a cure for diseases like hepatitis, HIV, and Alzheimer's. When asked by a member of the audience if he would ever clone humans, Campbell said, "I won't clone humans because it's too early for it. We just haven't done enough research yet."



# Daemen: The Good, the Bad and the Ridiculous

By Darcy L. Smith

In theory, this should be my last ever contribution to The Ascent. Having said that, I'm sure more than a few members of the campus community are breathing a sigh of relief that they will no longer have to turn to page two to ensure that they weren't my target of the month. This editorial, however, isn't quite like the others. In addition to my normal editorial pessimism and negativity, I actually plan on saying something positive about Daemen. I decided to title this article "The Good, the Bad and the Ridiculous" and give my two cents as to what Daemen is doing of each. So without further introduction:

## THE GOOD

- The students are definitely the best part about Daemen. After that, however, I would say the faculty rank a close second. I obviously can't speak for all departments, but I know that at least in my majors the professors have been wonderful. They have always taken the time to get to know their students both personally and academically. They understand the backgrounds, problems and potential of their students. Because of this, they are able to be understanding when necessary, but are also able to push students to work up to and beyond their potential. I think a lot of students came here because they wanted the personal attention that a small school can offer. Daemen professors, at least most of the professors I know, go above and beyond what I ever could have expected to give personal attention to their students.

- Opportunities. Daemen provides its students with a great deal of opportunities. It is extremely easy to get involved in student

activities, clubs, organizations, school politics and campus life in general. When students desire more opportunities (new clubs, different activities...), the school makes it very easy to create them.

- The chicken fingers. Enough said.

## THE BAD

- Communication. No one at Daemen seems to know what anyone else is doing. The Administration often doesn't know what the students are doing. The faculty doesn't know what the students are doing. The individual offices and departments often don't seem to know what the others are doing. The students don't know what ANYONE is doing. To get anything done here, it seems to take five slips of paper, 20 signatures and visits to roughly 100 offices. Ok, so this is a slight exaggeration, but you get the idea. This semester, the Student Association met with the Faculty Senate to discuss a few issues. It seems comforting just to know that we agree on things occasionally. It's even nice to know exactly how another branch of the college feels on issues that affect all of us. And can we please streamline the office-jumping, form-signing, paper-wasting process?

- The rest of the cafeteria food. I'm kidding! Don't hurt me, Jim! Honestly though, weekend food is completely a scary experience. I still haven't figured out why Monday through Friday they can make edible food and a variety of it, while on weekends (especially brunch), you can't eat anything other than a salad and sandwiches for fear of what will happen if you do.

## THE RIDICULOUS

- Daemen's image. Why is it that whenever someone asks me where I go to college,

and I tell them Daemen, they say either "where's that?" or "oh, are you going to be a Physical Therapist?" Let's get the word out people! Daemen is that place right across from Amherst High School (strangely, everyone seems to know where the high school is but not the college). They have quite a few majors beyond PT, most of which are pretty good academically, and it's kind of a fun place to be.

- Student involvement. Though it has gotten better in the past several years, student involvement is pathetic. It's not hard to be aware of the activities going on around here. There are posters everywhere, banners in Wick, the SLICE on-line, announcements made at meal times.... Still, however, students use the excuse "I didn't know about (fill in any event of your choosing)." I guess I sort of understand the validity of that excuse FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN BUBBLES. The rest of us, however, have absolutely no excuses.

Even beyond student activities, it's not hard to become aware of what's going on politically, socially and procedurally on campus. It's a small school. There's really not that much to figure out. Despite that fact, students still aimlessly complain about just about everything. I'm so sick of hearing "I wish Daemen would..." or, "I hate this school because..." or, my ABSOLUTE FAVORITE, "Darcy, why don't you get the college to...." DAMN! Do it yourself! It's really not that hard! There is nothing particularly special about the student leaders. They don't have some magic ability to get things done around here. They just care. They are dedicated. But, they are overworked.

## Daemen Theatre Department and *Miss Julie*

By Marcie Peterson

Intrigue and betrayal. The elite and their servants. These are some of the elements of August Strindberg's play, *Miss Julie*, which was performed by Daemen's Intro to Theater and Basic Acting Technique classes.

*Miss Julie*, a dramatic tragedy of the late 1800s, was chosen as a capstone project for the classes by part-time professor and Drama Club director, Kelly Beuth.

Beuth undertook this project with the intent and hope not only to produce a play but also to give the students hands-on experience outside of the classroom. Through this semester-long project, which began with the reading of the play, students learned about all aspects of the theatre and used that knowledge to present a production for fellow students and the surrounding community.

This project was funded mostly by the David Fendrick Theatre Award, which was awarded to Beuth to produce and perform in *Miss Julie* along with her students.

The students were then given a variety of assignments for the production according to their personal interests, hobbies and disciplines. Assignments included play analysis, lighting, sound, publicity.

Students also took part on the stage as the ensemble cast. One performance featured four Daemen students from the Basic Acting Technique class: Calvin DelBel, Kishma Stephens, Lauren Vicari, and Michele Vicari. Students in both theatre classes were able to audition for the ensemble cast and no one who wanted to audition was turned away.

Though a great deal of the production was

planned and performed by the students, Beuth also included local theater professionals in the production to give the students the ability to consult and work with experts. The three main characters in the play, the director, and the different designers were all professionals in theatrical productions in the Buffalo area.

Following the last performance, the theater students were asked to comment on the production. The comments covered a wide variety of topics; for example at least one student commented that the set, which many of the students helped paint and set up, looked great.

Erin Goodfellow, a freshman PT major, said that she liked seeing the production better than just reading the play "because reading it didn't show the humor as well as seeing it on stage."

Many students in the two classes, including those who worked on such things as lighting and sound, had to attend every performance of the play.

"Seeing every performance, one can always catch something a little different in each performance," said Jennifer Reed, a freshman Art major.

Marilyn Beahan, an auditor from Snyder who was part of the stage management crew, commented that, "The costumes added a lot. They made it much different from watching the rehearsals."

As a whole, Kelly believes that the play went very well and those in the class, who put time and work into the project, definitely gained an awareness and appreciation of the theater.

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# Opinions and Editorials

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## Wayne's Shortcoming

By Wayne Brown

Due to a shortage of time at the end of the semester, I have only written a "brief random thoughts" article. I know it is a journalistic shortcoming, but sometimes you do whatcha gotta! So here are some random news items and humorous notes for the end of the school year:

It is time to close the U.S. Postal Service when they are running an ad campaign promoting vinyl records. (Vinyl records look like CDs but they are bigger and the sound isn't as good.) The Postal Service is showing how antiquated it is. Vinyl to CDs are like the Pony Express to the USPS. It is time to say goodbye!

Bill Clinton as a talk show host? For all I had to mock him for, I always thought that he could hold his head slightly higher than Jerry Springer and Geraldo. Now, if his show fails, he won't even be as

good as them! Of course, who is more qualified to talk about illicit sex, drugs, and inappropriate behavior? GO BILL!

As a Jewish man I am the first to admit that no religion has all the answers, but at least Jews turn their felons over to the police, not promote them to positions of authority.

Pat Buchanan was warning the French that Le Pen is anti-Semitic and racist. Pot, meet kettle!

In the immortal words of Bob Curran, "Say a prayer for our folks over there." You might be taking an exam with one of them today.

The media is getting too politically correct. In a news update about Lady Bird Johnson (former First Lady) of Austin, Texas going to the hospital, they referred to her as Austin-American! The world is going crazy!

Ronald Reagan once said, "The most terrify-

ing words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help."

Congratulations to all our honored graduates. Go and make the rest of us (fighting over the last three parking spaces 18 seconds before class) proud!

Yasser Arafat now wants to be called "General Arafat." It is about time! Now he is a military target! Bombs away, Prime Minister Sharon!

It has been a school year fraught with emotion of the best and worst of humankind. It has been my honor to share my political thoughts with you. I hope I was able to give some ideas for thought and/or consideration, even when you thought I was completely nuts! I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer. To our grads, good luck in real life. To those coming back next year, you will get to hear from me again in a few months, so wipe away those tears!

## LGBFA and Safe Zone

By Michelle Smith

Last semester when the black, white and pink Safe Zone stickers began appearing in the hallways at Daemen, people wondered if the Safe Zone program could create an environment where homosexuality was accepted. Well, Safe Zone events that encourage discussion about the issues faced by people of same-sex orientation continue to be held. Also, recently a student proposed the formation of a new student organization, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Friends Alliance (LGBFA).

Andrea Wilson, a freshman Business Administration major, is trying to organize the LGBFA. Wilson had friends at other local colleges who would tell her about the activities their LGBAs were planning. Wilson began to wonder why Daemen did not have a similar Alliance.

Then the Safe Zone program started. Wilson felt it was actually doing the opposite of what it said it was trying to do. She said, "I felt Safe Zone was trying to single out [gays and lesbians] and wanted to know who was one of those, and it upset some people."

After doing some research and conducting some interviews, Wilson came to a better understanding of Safe Zone, but she still thought Daemen needed an LGBA. Several people, including Christopher Malik (Director of Activities) and Resident Assistant Darcy Smith, suggested that the Alliance become LGBFA so that it would be open to everyone.

Wilson plans to officially organize the Alliance during the next school year. "I hope LGBFA will make Daemen more diverse, more comfortable," she said.

Associate Dean Dr. Kathleen Boone over-

sees the Safe Zone program. Of LGBFA, Boone said, "This is what should come out of the Safe Zone program, that students feel comfortable."

"Over the course of the year," said Boone, "there seems to be a comfort level with talking about same-sex orientation that I don't think was the case last year at this time."

The Office of the Associate Dean continues to sponsor Safe Zone events like the Focusing on the Family forum that took place on April 2. At the event, Daemen faculty Cheryl Laskowski and Laurie Walsh and attorney Shari Jo Reich discussed identity issues, the law and same-sex marriages, adoption rights for same-sex partners, and various other legal issues of concern for homosexual families. A question-and-answer period followed.

## Academic Festival: A Chance for Daemen Students to Show Off

By Nina Zehr

Unless you've been living under a rock for the last few months, you know that there was an Academic Festival at Daemen College on Wednesday, April 17th. Described as "a celebration of academic achievement," the festival was a chance for students to learn a little bit more about everything from Madonna to musculoskeletal disorders by observing other students' presentations.

The types of presentations were just as varied as the subject matter. Some of the tools included posters, handouts, videos, plays, models, displays, Power Point, and good old-fashioned speeches. Shehzadali Ismaili, a Sophomore History and

Government major, did work on a display entitled "The Legacy of Daemen College," which included old issues of *The Ascent*, past student handbooks, and student council meeting minutes. "The academic festival is a great opportunity for students to display their talents," Ismaili said. "It's a time for students to come together and celebrate their achievements."

Graduating seniors presented senior projects and theses, and other students had to give presentations for grades. Some professors required students to attend certain presentations, and others offered extra credit. Jessica Burke, a Physical Therapy major, was required to do a poster presentation on Cleopatra for a grade in her Liberal Arts Colloquium class. "I wish that we could present stuff like this more often," she said.

"I learned a lot more by preparing this poster than I would have studying for a test."

The Academic Festival not only provided opportunities for the students to learn, but it gave the professors a chance as well. English Professor Dr. Nancy Marck was involved in planning the festival. "The festival makes our students' best work public and gives people the chance to see the variety of that work. The professors also have the advantage of seeing students' work in other disciplines."

The Academic Festival seemed to be a great success. Several people were overheard saying things like, "I never knew that!" and "Hey! Look over here!" With that in mind, I would suggest starting to plan your own presentation for next year!



# Student Awards

Congratulations to the organizations and individuals who recently received awards for outstanding leadership or community service! Here are some of the recipients:

Leadership Awards

Alumni Relations: Geoffrey Abraskin, Tim Fisher, Amanda Bishop

Athletic Office: Alex Heinrich, Kim Hitchcock, Adrienne Dykeman

Cooperative Education & Career Development Office: Tim Musielak (Wegman's award)

Residence Life Office: graduating senior RAs Amanda Bishop, Tim Fisher, Stacy Gundy, Darcy Smith, Alex Heinrich, Greg Yogurtian, Christian McCann

Work Study Award: Deseree Williams and Linda Lewis

Drama Club Award: Ray Graf

Education Club: Jessica Benson

Phi Beta Gamma fraternity: Dr. Larry Wright, Brandon Coburn, Matt Hitchcock

Sigma Omega Chi sorority: Marie Smith

Step Team: Simone Spann, Shernel James

Student Association: Andrew Wheeler, Amanda Bishop, Derek Bigelow, Simone Spann, Stephanie Williams, Darcy Smith

Community Service

Exemplary Service Award: Psi Xi Omicron sorority

Outstanding Service Award: Phi Beta Gamma fraternity and Lambda Chi Iota sorority

Distinguished Service Award: Students Without Borders

Special Service Award: Daemen Seneca Babcock

# Faculty Profile: Dan Tschopp

By Simone Spann

Question. Which Daemen faculty member can actually pass as a Daemen student? Well, my first guess would be Dan Tschopp. He is new to the Business Department, and one of the most active professors on our campus. When he is not in the classroom teaching Marketing or Accounting, you can find him planning and organizing with the Business Club or assisting the Volleyball Club.

When I met with Tschopp to interview him for the newspaper, he said, "No problem, just as long as you do not ask any questions about my snake Abdullah." So, sorry folks, I cannot disclose any information about his snake, but I can fill you in on his campus activities and how much animals "like" him.

Along with the Business Club, Tschopp helped organize the Business Department's Student-Employer Luncheon, which was a huge success. This luncheon not only gave students the opportunity to dress up in business attire, but it also gave them the chance to meet and network with possible future employers.

Tschopp is also active with the Volleyball Club, which defeated Medaille College, a Division III powerhouse, this year. Tschopp said that he is trying to start a men's volleyball team.

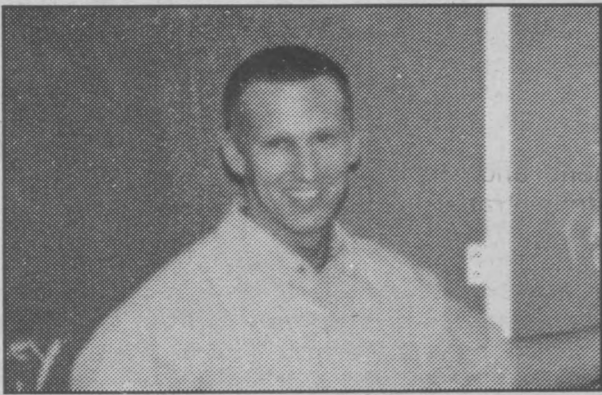


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Tschopp said that he liked teaching at Daemen and loves the relationship he has with his students.

His students feel the same way; they all had great things to say about him. One student, Tim Glinski said, "Mr. Tschopp is a well-rounded, intelligent guy that likes his wrestling." Glinski also added that Tschopp is the man.

Unfortunately, animals do not always take so kindly to Tschopp. He has been bitten by three animals. First, when he was a child, he was walking on a pier, and he got bit by a pelican. Then, when he was on spring break in Florida, a bat flew down and bit him. The third time was when he was trying to separate two hamsters from fighting.

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dent on campus, pointed out that not getting along with your roommates could ruin a dorming experience. Jurewicz said, "I feel that choosing your own roommates is the way to go, someone you know you will get along with."

In addition to the residency issue, the committee also discussed other diversity concerns. The committee advised the Student Association (SA) to support diversity in activities programming. It also suggested that SA could encourage diverse organizations to work together by prioritizing funding requests submitted by collaborating organizations.

SA has not yet decided how to handle event programming for the upcoming year; that will be the work of next year's SA board.

The EO/AA committee also recommended to the Cabinet and the Faculty Senate that they define a "minimally satis-

factory level of participation" in campus events or activities for employees.

Dr. Kathleen Boone, Associate Dean of the College and EO/AA officer, stresses how important it is to "have a campus environment where everyone is and feels respected, and it is everyone's responsibility no matter what your role is to appreciate what everyone has to offer and reach out from your inner circle."

Williams also mentioned that the Multi-Cultural Association (MCA) tries to "reach out to the entire Daemen College community by hosting events that would interest all students."

The EO-AA Committee is made up of various representatives from Daemen's faculty, staff, administration, and student body. The committee meets at least once a semester, sometimes more depending on what is happening on campus.

# Spring 2002 Final Exam Schedule

EXAM PERIOD	TUESDAY MAY 7	WEDNESDAY MAY 8	THURSDAY MAY 9	FRIDAY MAY 10	SATURDAY MAY 11	SUNDAY MAY 12	MONDAY MAY 13	TUESDAY MAY 14
8:30 AM to 11:00 AM	Study Day	TT - 10:00 10:30	MWF - 8:00 8:30	MWF - 9:00 9:30	SPECIAL* EXAM TIMES	SPECIAL* EXAM TIMES	TT - 11:00 11:30 12:30	TT - 8:00 8:30
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12:15PM to 2:45 PM	Study Day	TT - 8:50 9:00 9:30	MWF - 11:00 11:30	MWF - 1:00 1:30 2:00	SPECIAL* EXAM TIMES & CONFLICTS	SPECIAL* EXAM TIMES & CONFLICTS	MWF - 12:00 12:30	MWF - 10:00 10:30
2:55 PM to 5:25 PM	Study Day	MWF - 2:30 3:00 3:30	MWF - 4:00 4:30	TT - 1:00 1:30 2:00	SPECIAL* EXAM TIMES & CONFLICTS	SPECIAL* EXAM TIMES & CONFLICTS	TT - 3:30 4:00 4:30	TT - 2:30 3:00
Evening Classes	Classes beginning 5:00 PM or later on MWF = Exam during regular class period but for 2-1/2hrs. Classes beginning 5:00 PM or later on TT = Exam during regular class period but for 2-1/2hrs.							



# Meet Your New SA Representatives

## President: Derek Bigelow

Derek is a sophomore Business and Marketing major. He served as this year's SA Treasurer and last year's Freshman Class President. He is also a Resident Assistant and an Assistant Editor of The Ascent. Derek said that he hopes to encourage student involvement and improve relations and communication between the administration and the students.

## VP of Governing: Michael Patane

Mike is a sophomore PA major. He served as this year's VP of Collegiate Affairs on the Student Association. In addition to his position on SA, Mike works as a Student Alumni Host for the office of Alumni Relations. Mike said that he is extremely reliable and will do his best to be an effective student representative.

## VP of Collegiate Affairs: Andrew Wheeler

Andy is a junior PA major. He was the Junior Class President on this year's SA board. He has also served the Alumni Relations office as a Student Ambassador. Andy said that he understands the procedures involved in having a successful board. He added that he loves the school and will work hard to serve the students.

## VP of Programming: Claire Whitten

Claire is a junior Psychology major. She has served as both President and Vice-President of Sigma Omega Chi sorority and has been the Vice President of the Psychology Club. Claire said that she has been extremely active in Student Activities Programming this semester. She hopes to increase the popularity and attendance of Daemen events.

## Treasurer: Phillip "PJ" Tudisco

PJ is a freshman PT major. He has served as the Head of the Expansion Committee for Omega Epsilon Zeta fraternity. He says that he is a well-rounded individual who will work hard to fulfill his duties as Treasurer of SA.

## Secretary: Lindy Rodriguez

Lindy is a sophomore Psychology major. She is the current President of Delta Phi Mu sorority, but has also served as Recording Secretary of that organization. She was also this year's Secretary of the Inter-Greek Association (IGA). Lindy said that she takes very good notes and that she will be sure to get the minutes of each meeting out in a timely fashion.

## FALL 2002 CONVOCATION

Wednesday, September 4, 2002

There's a special day next fall on which faculty, administrators and even some students don caps and gowns and march in procession - but it's not commencement.

During the first week of classes, all new and returning students, faculty and staff will attend Fall Convocation, which officially marks the opening of the academic year. Just as Commencement symbolizes the end of the academic experience, Convocation is a tradition that symbolizes and celebrates another beginning.

The hour-long ceremony, beginning at

11:00 AM in Wick Center, includes a procession of faculty and administrators in full academic regalia, offering many students their first glimpse of the different robes and hoods worn by bachelor's, masters' and doctoral degree recipients. Brief welcomes will be provided from the President of the Board of Trustees; the College President, Dr. Martin Anisman; the new President of Student Association, Derek Bigelow (who will soon find out he's speaking); and an alumni representative. Dean of Students, Maria Dillard, will introduce and welcome new students to the college community. This year, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Edwin

Clausen, will speak briefly about some new academic ventures in 2002-2003, including the Freshman Year Experience (FYE).

Final remarks from the President of Faculty Senate will express both the hopes and concerns of faculty for students at Daemen College. Then everyone is invited to a special, free, all-campus lunch, sponsored by Student Association.

We hope there's enough colorful pomp and circumstance to impress you and get you hooked on the promise of your own commencement. So see you in September! --Margene W. Weiss (Director, Conferences and Events)

## Greeks have TREES too

On Wednesday, May 1, the Inter-Greek Association planted flowers along the Main St. side of the library and several other places on campus. This and the tree planting mentioned below were meant to be part of an Earth Day celebration that was postponed due to poor weather.

On Thursday, May 2, the brothers of Omega Epsilon Zeta Fraternity planted six apple trees, one for each Greek organization on campus, in front of Wick. Representatives from each organization came to break ground with the brothers. Shehzadali Ismaili of Omega Epsilon Zeta said the fraternity's executive board held the

ceremony "as a gesture of good will towards the other Greek organizations at Daemen College and as a symbol of Greek unity for the coming years."

On Saturday, May 4, residence halls 101 and 76 and the sisters of Delta Phi Mu held a block party on the "island." The party featured a barbeque by the sisters and non-alcoholic mixed drinks, a dunk tank and popsicles from the residence halls.

Also on Saturday, May 4, the brothers of Omega Epsilon Zeta sponsored a "Star Wars" movie marathon. They began at 6:00PM with "Star Wars" and showed the other movies in the series through 2:30AM.

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opportunity to enjoy a core that's more meaningful, coherent, connected and inclusive; and will make their educational experience not only more enjoyable but more efficient and productive."

Brogan offered an example of a possible class that could be taught in the new core. He said you could have a class entitled "Disease" where students could learn about epidemics throughout history, the psychological component of sickness, the treatment of disease in literature, and the understanding of sickness in different religions.

His personal vision for such a course would involve several faculty members sharing the responsibility of teaching, each professor being present in every class and sharing knowledge from their particular field to help the students get a complete understanding of the topic. However, he stressed that this is only his personal opinion; the design committee created a framework, but the actual courses could take various forms.

Michael Patane, the Student Association's Vice President of Collegiate Affairs, is optimistic about the new core structure and the benefit it will have for students. "I think it's great," he said. "I like the idea of integrating the cores with a common theme. I think that the ideas for the new core are very well thought out."

The new core is expected to be implemented gradually beginning in the 2003-2004 school year.

## Daemen + Rugby = New Club

Next semester, the newly-formed Rugby Club will enter the Upstate NY Rugby Union and will play in Division II, Western Conference. Some of the other teams in this conference have been established for years, but the club hopes to have a successful season. Club moderator Dr. Karl Terryberry said, "If we can win half of our games in the fall, the season will be a success."

During the past semester, the club participated in a tournament and played two non-league games against Niagara University and Lockport Men's Club. Although the team did not win any games, Terryberry noted that the club members are still learning the game, and they plan to

"play non-conference games and tournaments this summer to learn more."

Twenty-five men joined the Rugby Club this year; eight women also joined, but more female players are needed to create a competitive women's team. Terryberry hopes to generate more interest for both clubs next year. He said, "Rugby is a club sport open to anyone who is interested. I encourage anyone who likes a physical game to participate; we need more players [both men and women] to be able to compete. Students interested in playing do not need to have any experience with the game or know the rules. We'll teach them everything they need to know."



# Senior Moment

Class of 2002

We are one of the last classes:

Who remember Amanda Hahn - her life, her death and the impact it had on the campus.

Who still call the Cyber Café the Rat.

Who partied with the brothers of Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sig Ep).

Who remember when Rosary Hall was being renovated.

Who read the first edition of *The Ascent* after it was re-established.

Who were warned about the "Virgin Vault" at orientation.



Who remember when everyone went to the TGIF parties and coffee houses.

Who used to attend Open Mic Nights at Stimulance.



Who went to Anacone's on Thursday nights.

Jessica Benson  
(Elementary/ Special Education)  
Make the most of your practicums!

Amanda Bishop - Senior Class President  
(Psychology)

To all: It's been a difficult 4 years but I wouldn't have wanted it any other way, we had fun and made some great friends that will last forever!  
Good Luck to all you! Success is a journey, not a destination!



Nancy Hammel  
(English)

I would like to thank the English Department Staff for all the support and encouragement they have given me over the past few years. I look forward to continuing my education and could not have accomplished much of

what I did if it hadn't been for the support of the English Department.

Geoffrey Abraskin  
(B.S. Natural Science, specialization in Health Science, minor in Biology)

I have had a lot of good times here at Daemen; from my days living in 86E and then in 56, both were out of control, to moving off campus and then being an RA in the freshman dorms. I have met a lot of great people and built a lot of friendships, and Daemen has turned into another home for me!!!!

KICK ASS...TAKE NAMES

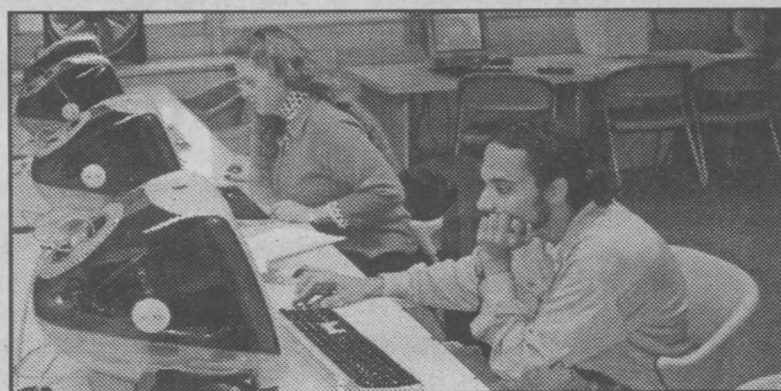


Simone Spann  
(Humanities)

I'll always remember all the great events like Boobar. I would like to say to all my undergrad friends...Life with you was great...keep your head up and make me proud. Just remember you will always have a friend with me.

Mr. Jonathan Lee Serrano  
(Graphic Design)

Thank you to everyone who helped me get to this point. Even you, Joe, thanks.



Ken Hawley  
(Art Education)  
Good luck in the future!

Lauren Cices  
(Graphic

Design)  
Good luck in your last semester, Tom!

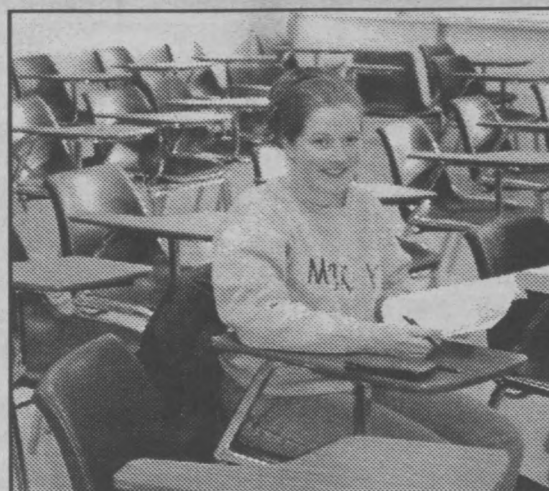
Tom Hodiak  
(Illustration)

SHAGGIN' COUCH FOREVER!

Lauren and Eyrica, I will miss you both. Good luck with everything after graduation.

Douglas Clark III  
(Psychology)

I'll miss the times sitting with friends and laughing while trying to forget the stress we were under.





# To the *(Graduating)* Seniors

Laura Witt  
(Art Education)  
Class of 2004

With all these years at Daemen that you are about to put behind you, if you ever feel lonely, weary or overwhelmed, remember, that you will be missed, and will be remembered. And don't be a stranger, feel free to come back and visit. DS is a lot more fun to wander in if you are not dodging certain professors whose class you've skipped or handed in papers late.

Samantha Gable  
(Physical Therapy)  
Class of 2007

Darcy Smith: I want to wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors! DC will miss you.

Ray Graf  
(History/Government- Secondary Education)  
Class of 2003  
"Bald is Beautiful"

Ryan Horan  
(Psychology)  
Class of 2005

Darcy Smith: I got to know Darcy very well over the past year because she was my RA. She is a very kind-hearted sincere person. She will be missed by many people on campus. I will miss her the most because of her sincerity. She was always there for me when I needed to talk to her about something or just to give me some advice. She always was smiling or telling jokes...and how can we forget her gorgeous voice. Listening to her sing in the lounge and play the guitar is so soothing. It sure puts a smile on my face and pulls me out of any pot holes I may have run into. Darcy thanks for being a positive role model for all....I will miss you greatly!!

Ryan Horan  
(Psychology)  
Class of 2005

Shernel: Shernel, you have been such a blessing in my first semester here at Daemen. I thank you for putting up with all my jokes, I know not all of them were funny but you ALWAYS laughed regardless. I also thank the man upstairs for making our lives cross. Continue to be who you are. Don't change for anyone because you are such a wonderful example and inspiration to all the freshman girls here at Daemen. You have taught me so much about life and about myself. You were the one that was always there for me giving me advice in many different areas. Whether it is in relationships or just tips that would help me with my college experience here at Daemen. It's not everyday that you see or meet an upperclassman that wants to associate with a freshman. It is an honor for me to say that I know you, Shernel, because you are someone very important to me. Your popularity, natural beauty both inside and out, as well as intelligence and self-confidence is what attracts me as well as many others to you the most. It will be hard without you here next year but I know that you will come and visit whenever you can. Thanks for always being there and being my GUARDIAN ANGEL.

Ryan Horan  
(Psychology)  
Class of 2005

Simone Spann: I look up to you Simone for so many different reasons. You are a beautiful person inside and out. You are a very popular girl, everyone knows this. Even though you possess this trait you never change who you are. You've shown me respect from the get go and I have a great deal of respect and appreciation for this.

It's your bubbly energy each day when I see you that puts a smile on my face regardless of how bad of a mood I am in. Seeing you showing respect to almost everyone you see, and never talking badly about others makes me think about myself and my actions. I now try to mirror your actions and hope that if I can take anything away from my experience here at Daemen, it would be to enjoy every bit of college life and to be more accepting of others like you are each day. You have helped me understand that I am someone important and special in this world. You've always instilled in my mind that it's not what others think that makes a difference here, it's how you feel about yourself. It will be sad without you but I know that we all have to move on in our life and this is just another time. You truly are an angel, better yet my GUARDIAN ANGEL. It was as if I came here to Daemen and you were sent to watch over me and look out for me. Thanks for all the encouragement. It is you that has changed my attitude and actions for the better. Once again thanks for all you do and all you continue to do each day. SHINE LIKE THE STAR YOU ARE!!!

Asia Conley  
(Social Work)  
Class of 2003

Good luck in life. Simone, we will miss your beautiful smile. Love ya babe.

Jen Swan  
(English)  
Class of 2004

Darcy, I hope you succeed in whatever you do in life and continue to make lasting impressions on people's hearts like you have on mine. You've been a great friend, an awesome big sister, and I value our relationship more than anything else in the world. I love you, and I will miss you a lot. Love, Little Jen. P.S. - As your little sister, I will do my best to carry on your legacy.

Christine Miles  
(Physical Therapy)  
Class of 2007

Darcy- Good luck and best wishes in all of your future endeavors. I wish nothing but the best for you. Go after all your heart desires!! Thank you so much for everything...I have been very blessed to have you as a friend.

Michelle L. Smith  
(English)  
Class of 2003

Best wishes to all of the seniors, especially JB, DC, GG, RG, NH, GN, JR, DLS, JS, and SS. You're all so special, and I will miss you all very much! Thanks for everything. Thanks - NH for your cheerfulness; GG for Adam Bede, Simpsons' quotes, and knowing when I am annoyed; JS for your smiles and stories; and SS for your wonderful personality that spreads happiness. And DLS - pas de ma famille, mais toujours amies - for being my friend. I don't think I can express in words how much you have meant to me. God bless you!

Tikeia Reynolds  
(Humanities)  
Class of 2005

It's been a big wait but all of you made it. Reach for the stars and your bright future.

Earlena Washington  
(Psychology)  
Class of 2003

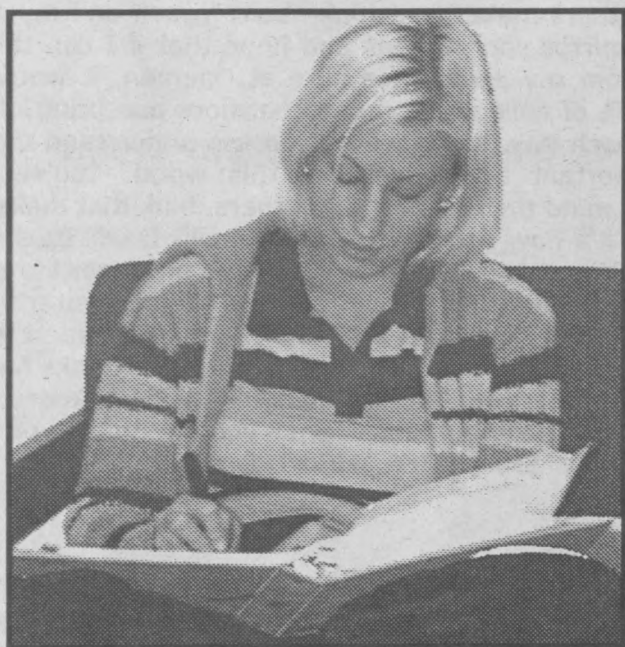
Here comes the real world, get ready and I wish each and every one of you the best life for you! Congrats!

Senior Ascent Staff Members- Ray Graf, Nancy Hammel, Grace Neumann, Darcy L. Smith, Simone Spann  
Thank you for your friendship and your dedication to the newspaper. We will miss you! Best of luck in the future! It looks like it'll be a fun time.

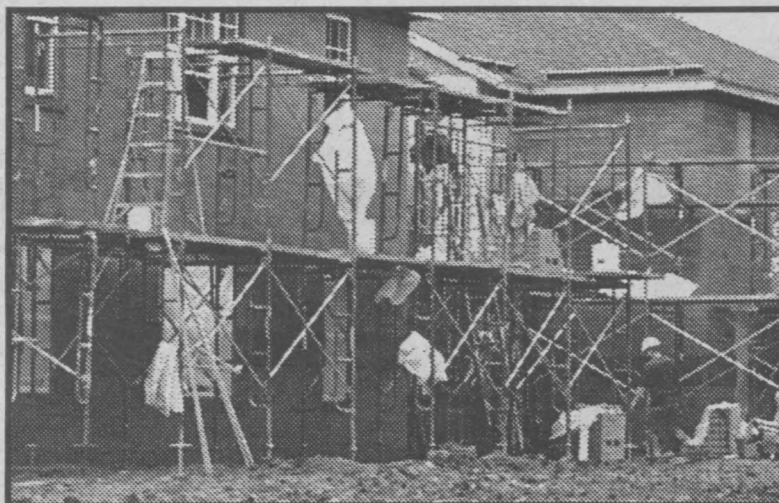
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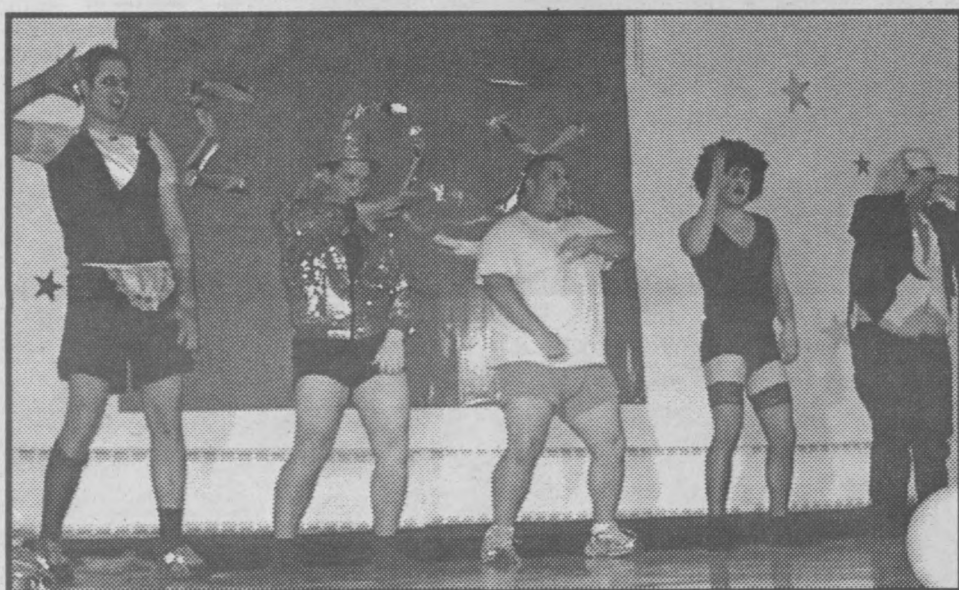
# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



Danielle Haynos studies for her History final.



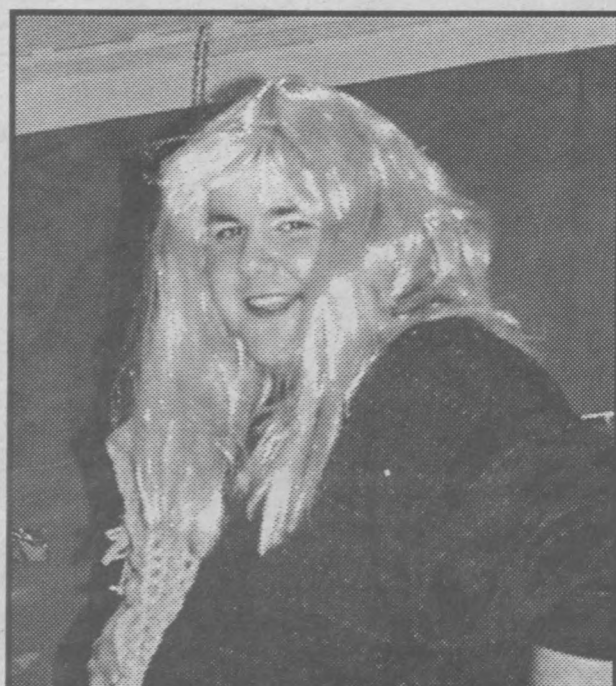
Construction sites like this will soon be a thing of the past!



Rocky Horror: an Airband tribute



The brothers of Omega Epsilon Zeta planted six apple trees in front of Wick, one for each Greek organization at Daemen.



Dan.....?



Dressed in medieval garb, members of the English Club enjoyed the Chaucer Banquet.

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